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1. At approximately 1000 hours 19 June 1948, Stadtrat Fritz Reuter stated, the Magistrat split on the question of currency reform in Berlin. All SED members of the city administration, including Third Deputy Lord Mayor Acker announced their resignations. A special session of the City Assembly was called for 1800 hours, at which time Acting Lord Mayor Frau Luise Schröder will make a plea for unity. The SED fraction will probably walk out of this meeting in body.

2. Reuter believes that on Monday, 21 June 1948, the Soviets will declare that in view of the resignation of SED members, the Magistrat is no longer representative, and that they will outlaw its activities in the Soviet Sector of Berlin.

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